UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT WESTERN DISTRICT OF TEXAS SAN ANTONIO DIVISION

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<u>ORDER GRANTING CONTINUANCE</u> AND AMENDING SCHEDULING ORDER

The matters before the court Defendant's Unopposed Motion for Continuance filed *Monday, August 15, 2022 [dkt. #169]*, after reviewing the motion and there being no objection from counsel for co-defendants SATRICK WARNER OR ERNESTO RAMON or order severing defendants in this cause of action, it is the opinion of the Court that the motion should be granted and that the trial in this case should be and is continued. IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that there will be no further continuance granted in this case without a hearing.

The Court further finds that the period between *Tuesday, August 09, 2022* and *Monday, October 17, 2022*, is a reasonable period of necessary delay to allow counsel time for preparation for trial and further finds that such period shall be excluded from the time within which the defendant must be brought to trial and that the ends of justice served by taking such action outweighs the best interest of

the public and the defendant in a speedy trial under the Speedy Trial Act pursuant to Title 18, United States Code, Section 3161(h)(7)(A).

This case shall proceed on the following amended schedules:

Pursuant to Federal Rules of Criminal Procedure 11(c) and the holding of the Fifth Circuit Court of Appeals in <u>United States of America v. Ellis</u>, 547 F.2d 863 (5th Cir. 1977), the *deadline* for notifying the Court of any *plea bargain* or *plea agreement* entered into by the parties in this cause is *Thursday*, *October 06*, 2022. The Court will not accept a plea agreement after the aforementioned deadline. Should a plea agreement be reached and filed in this case and absent written objection filed contemporaneously therewith, this case will be referred to a United States Magistrate Judge for the purpose of administering the plea of guilty and the Fed. R. Crim. P. 11 allocution, subject to final approval and the imposition of sentence by the United States District Court.

PRETRIAL MATTERS

Motions in Limine, witness lists, exhibit lists, and agreed stipulations as to certain elements or facts, if any, shall be filed Thursday, October 06, 2022.

Responses to motions in limine, proposed jury instructions, and proposed voir dire shall be filed Monday, October 10, 2022.

In order to conduct a more efficient and expeditious trial, counsel is encouraged to exchange exhibits within a reasonable period but no later than seven (7) days prior to the pretrial conference. Once counsel has provided opposing counsel with proposed exhibits, authentication of the exhibit will be presumed unless opposing counsel notifies the offering party in writing within three (3) days after the exhibit is listed and made available. To the extent that counsel intend to raise objections concerning the admissibility of exhibits, such objections must be made at the pretrial conference or at least three (3) business days before trial by notifying the Court in writing of the evidentiary disputes with copies of the disputed exhibit and authority attached to the written objection. Counsel should also advise the Court of any anticipated objections to witness testimony at the pretrial conference or at least three (3) business days prior to trial.

Pretrial Conference is reset for Thursday, October 13, 2022 at 10:30 a.m. in Courtroom C, on the Second Floor of the United States Courthouse, 262 W. Nueva Street, San Antonio, Texas.

Jury selection and trial are reset for Monday, October 17, 2022 at 9:30 a.m. in Courtroom C, on the Second Floor of the United States Courthouse, 262 W. Nueva Street, San Antonio, Texas.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that the Clerk of the Court shall send a copy of this order to counsel for the defendant, the United States Attorney, the

United States Pretrial Services and the United States Probation Office. *Counsel*for the defendant shall also notify the defendant of this schedule and advise the defendant that he must be present for all court proceedings unless excused by the Court.

Signed this 12th day of August, 2022

ORLANDO L. GARCIA

CHIEF U.S. DISTRICT JUDGE